On motion by Mr. Banning, Ordered, That Messrs. Banning, Barnes, Gibbons, Speed, and Goldsborough, be a committee to examine into the state and condition of the library of this house, to suggest some mode for the preservation of the books belonging thereto, and to make report thereof.

That the chief clerk direct two of the committee clerks to make out a schedule of all the books now in the library, ready to be delivered to the aforesaid committee, who will annex the

same to their report.

On motion by Mr. Barnes, the following message was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

By the House of Delegates, Dec. 27, 1826.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We propose, with the concurrence of your honourable body, to appoint a committee, to consist of five members of this house, and three members of the senate, to contract for the printing of the laws which may be passed, and all other printing that may be required by the legislature during its present session.

We have appointed Messrs. Barnes, Stevens, Tyson, Compton. and John W. Thomas, the committee on the part of this

lyouse.

On motion by Mr. Speed, Leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of several minors therein named, Ordered, That Messrs. Speed, Crabb and Stewart, report the

On motion by Mr. John W. Thomas, Leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the time and manner of electing the senate, and the mode of filling up vacancies in that body, so as to give to each county and the city of Baltimore, one senator, to be elected immediately by the people. Ordered, That Messrs. John W. Thomas, Barnes, Hope, Chapman, and Stevens, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Bennett, Leave was given to bring in a bill to be entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act concerning crimes and punishments. Ordered, That Messrs.

Bennett, Buchanan and Tidball, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Stricker, Leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to amend the constitution of this state, so that the city of Baltimore should have a representation in the house of delegates equal to that of the several counties of this state, Ordered, That Messrs. Stricker, Tyson and Banning, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Tyson, Leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act supplementary to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate the Susquehannah and Patapsco canal company, Ordered, That Messrs. Tyson, Norris, Barnes, Compton and

Stricker, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Buchanan, Leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to regulate the proceedings of the levy courts of the several coun-